## **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application is a continuation of application <u>serial</u> no. 09/436,296, filed November 8, 1999, now Patent No. 6,249,760, which is a continuation <u>of application serial</u> no. 08/932,078, filed September 17, 1997, now Patent No. 6,012,027, which is a continuation in part of the patent application having Ser. No. <u>application serial no.</u> 08/863,462, filed May 27, 1997, now Patent No. 6,847,717.